Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—The budget is under preparation. We shall try our best.

President.—We shall try, if you consider it to be very urgent.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran.—From the Proceedings it is found that it would be difficult in 1104. I am told that the matter is of considerable local importance which may be kindly remembered.

President.—Yes.

Mr. A. Sankara Menon.—With regard to question No. 475, the word 'seven' is a printing mistake for 'and'. The statement refers to both the parts.

President.—Then I suppose the original answer is correct.

Mr. A. Sankara Menon.—No. The number of suits is correct.

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—That is not correct. The list shows the cases in several courts.

President.—Then what is this 'seven' ?

Mr. A. Sankara Menon.—It is a mistake for 'and'.

President.—What a great difficulty it makes you know. How is this?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—'(a) and (b) vide statement'. So this contains all the information that is required. Even if there is a mistake, the list shows the number of files in each court (Appendix II).

President.—Such mistakes ought to be avoided.

Retirement of Public Servants.

492. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—(a) Will the Government be pleased to state the names of public servants who retired (1) before the attainment of the age of 55 and (2) before the completion of the usual period of service necessary for a pension within the age-limit during the last 12 years and what were the reasons for such retirement in each case and what was the age and the total years of service of each of them at the time of the retirement;

(b) what was the pension awarded to each of them?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—A statement containing the information so far collected is appended. (*Vide Appendix III.*)

Pay of the Staff of the Anchal Department.

493. Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) whether any change was made by way of increment in the pay of the staff of the Anchal Department when the prices of anchal cards and covers were doubled;

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(2) was not the increment in the price effected when the British Government increased the prices of post cards and covers;

(3) why is the registration of V. P's made compulsory;

(4) do the V. P's require compulsory registration in the British;

(5) whether the fact that a book costing 2 annas will have to be paid 6 annas has ever been considered by the Government;

(6) whether the Government has considered the necessity for retaining the extra clerks in Irinjalakkuda and Trichur and the clerks in Chittur and Vadakkancheri;

(7) whether the finances of the Department will be prejudicially affected if the prices of cards and covers are made 2 ps. and 4 ps. as before if the extra hands are dispensed with?

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—(1) No.

(2) Yes.

(3) To safeguard the contents.

(4) Yes.

(5) A registration fee of 2 annas has to be paid on every V. P. article at the time fo posting irrespective of the cost of the articles sent.

(6) There are no extra clerks in the anchal offices referred to.

(7) The question does not arise in view of the answer to (6).

Civil Procedure Code Amendment Bill.

494. **Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar.**—Will the Government be pleased to inform the Council:—

(a) at what stage the Civil Procedure Code Amendment Bill introduced by it in the last Council stands at present;

(b) why the Government has not taken any steps during the last Vrischigam meeting of the Legislative Session of this Council for the further progress of the Bill through the Council;

(c) has the Government any idea of taking steps for the further progress of the Bill during the Kumbham meeting of the Council;

(d) is not the Government aware that the question of amending the Civil Procedure Code has been pending unduly long with the Government?

Mr. A. Sankara Menon.—(a) The Bill is under the consideration of the Select Committee.

(b) There was no particular reason.

(c) Vide answer to (a).

(d) Not unduly long.

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